AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) Mooring device particularly for an aircraft, comprising at least one line (18) or the like ensuring connection between an anchoring point (20) on the aircraft and the ground, characterized in that it comprises means (26) for dynamically controlling the tension of the line (18) as a function of variations of the distance separating the anchoring point (20) on the aircraft and the ground, adapted to occupy two conditions, a first so-called free condition in which it is adapted to follow variations of distance between the anchoring point (20) on the aircraft and the ground while permitting the elongation or shortening of the line (18), and a second so-called blocked condition, in which it opposes the unwinding of the line (18) when the speed of unwinding exceeds a certain threshold or is subject to abrupt acceleration.

2. (original) Device according to claim 1, characterized in that it comprises means adapted to measure the speed of unwinding of the line (18).

3. (currently amended) Device according to claim 1 [[or 2]], characterized in that the dynamic means (26) for controlling the tension of the line (18) comprises means (38) which tends to tension the line (18).

4. (original) Device according to claim 3, characterized in that the means (38) are present in the form of at least one single acting jack (40) whose piston (44) is oriented such that pressing means (46, 48) disposed at its end apply tension to the line (18).

5. (original) Device according to claim 4, characterized in that it comprises a flow rate regulator (60) in the exhaust of the jack or jacks (40), ensuring the function of a shock absorber to the unwinding of the line (18) and permitting controlling the speed of unwinding of said line (18).

6. (currently amended) Device according to claim 4 [[or 5]], characterized in that the means (26) for dynamic control of the tension are disposed in a carriage (28), the piston (44) tending to move downwardly so as to apply tension on the line (18) of which one length (52) exits through an opening (54) provided in an upper portion of the carriage (28).

7. (original) Device according to claim 6, characterized in that the carriage (28) comprises means for securement to the ground.

8. (currently amended) Device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, characterized in that it comprises means for automatically rewinding the line (18).

9. (new) Device according to claim 2, characterized in that the dynamic means (26) for controlling the tension of the line (18) comprises means (38) which tends to tension the line (18).

10. (new) Device according to claim 9, characterized in that the means (38) are present in the form of at least one single acting jack (40) whose piston (44) is oriented such that pressing means (46, 48) disposed at its end apply tension to the line (18).

11. (new) Device according to claim 5, characterized in that the means (26) for dynamic control of the tension are disposed in a carriage (28), the piston (44) tending to move downwardly so as to apply tension on the line (18) of which one length (52) exits through an opening (54) provided in an upper portion of the carriage (28).

12. (new) Device according to claim 11, characterized in that the carriage (28) comprises means for securement to the ground.